GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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PAYMENT OF DUES TO WORKERS OF TEA GARDEN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Trading Corporation of India has prayed before the Honourable Calcutta High Court for liquidation of Putung, Vatukvar and Peshok Tea Gardens of Darjeeling;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present liabilities of these gardens on account of dues to the workers, garden and head-wise; and

(d) the time by which the workers would get their legitimate dues?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Tea Trading Corporation of India (TTCI) has prayed before the Kolkata High Court for liquidation of the Company as a whole including its 5 Tea Gardens namely, Potong, Vah-Tukvar, Pashok, Pathini and Looksan.

(c) The liabilities of these three gardens which includes wages & others, CPF etc. are as under:-

1. Potong Rs. 115.42 lacs (Upto December, 2001)

2. Vah-Tukvar Rs. 690.63 lacs (Upto September, 2001)

3. Pashok Rs. 358.00 lacs (Estimated)

(d) TTCIa wholly owned subsidiary of STC is facing an acute financial crunch being a loss making company and has been unable to discharge its obligations. TTCI management has filed a petition in Calcutta High Court for liquidation of the company. The case is pending in the Court. The aspect in regard to payment of dues will be taken into consideration based on the judgement of Calcutta High Court in the liquidation case.